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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/679,951
Applicant : LUTHER et al
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Examiner : Zachary C. Howard

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

December 5, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 3, 2005, the applicants hereby elect Group VIII, claims 39-61, drawn to a method of detecting tumors, or predicting risk of cancer.

The Examiner's comments with respect to possible rejoinder are noted with appreciation.

Early and favorable action on the merits is awaited.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fee for such an extension together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account No. 02-2135.

Respectfully submitted,

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